

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating renal failure, which comprises administering an effective amount of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) by continuous intravenous administration to suppress blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and creatine levels in ~~to~~ a patient suffering from renal failure,  
thereby treating renal failure in said patient.

7. (Canceled).